



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 481**

*January Session, 2001*

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1371

*Senate, April 26, 2001*

The Committee on Education reported through SEN. GAFFEY of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING CURRICULUM APPROVAL FOR INDEPENDENT COLLEGES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Not later than January 1, 2002, the Commissioner of Higher  
2 Education shall report to the joint standing committee of the General  
3 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and to  
4 the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
5 matters relating to workforce development concerning whether the  
6 Board of Governors of Higher Education's existing curriculum  
7 approval process allows independent institutions of higher education  
8 in this state sufficient flexibility to quickly respond to changing  
9 workforce needs with new curriculum specifically designed to address  
10 such needs. Such report shall include, but not be limited to,  
11 recommendations about how such independent institutions of higher  
12 education can respond to changing workforce needs in a more time-  
13 sensitive fashion.

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Minimal

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Higher Education

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

The bill requires the Department of Higher Education (DHE) to submit a report on whether the existing curriculum approval process allows state independent colleges and universities flexibility to quickly respond to changing workforce development needs. Passage of the bill results in increased workload, which would be absorbed within current available resources.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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INDEPENDENT COLLEGES.***

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**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Workforce Development

Favorable Substitute

Yea 12      Nay 0

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 31      Nay 0